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Hindemith wrote much varied music for the piano with orchestral accompaniment. He intended his *Theme with Four Variations (The Four Temperaments)* as an experimental ballet, and it was first performed in this way in 1946 with choreography by George Balanchine. The manuscript of the *Piano Music with Orchestra* was found amongst pianist Paul Wittgenstein's papers after his wife's death in 2001. The *Concerto for Piano and Orchestra* is astutely conceived, whilst the *Concert Music for Piano, Brass and Two Harps* reveals Hindemith's constant search for varied sound colour in his instrumentation.

Paul  
**HINDEMITH**  
 (1895-1963)

## The Complete Piano Concertos

**CD 1** **60:14**

**1-4** Concert Music for Piano, Brass and Two Harps,  
 Op. 49 (1930)<sup>†</sup> **28:33**

**5-9** Theme with Four Variations (The Four Temperaments)  
 for Piano and Strings (1940) **31:41**

**CD 2** **76:01**

**1-4** Piano Music with Orchestra (for Piano Left Hand),  
 Op. 29 (1923) **19:28**

**5-8** Chamber Music No. 2 for Piano, Quartet and Brass,  
 Op. 36, No. 1 (1924) **23:40**

**9-11** Concerto for Piano and Orchestra (1945) **32:53**

**Idil Biret, Piano**

<sup>†</sup> Olivia Coates and Chelsea Lane, Harps

**Yale Symphony Orchestra • Toshiyuki Shimada**

A detailed track list and artists' details can be found inside the booklet.

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